

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed relaxation in the laws regarding limited media ownership by any one entity. The large media outlets already present a very limited view of world and national events and do not contribute to the education of our citizenry. The fewer owners our radio and TV stations have the less incentive they will have to cater to anything except large mass audience tastes. Serious local community issues will be ignored, as will costly investigative or educational programming. The large media conglomerates will feed the public the programs that are cheapest to make ("interactive" talk radio) and offer the greatest advertising revenue (audience share). The public and the nation will suffer immeasurably in the further degradation of the public information and the increasing ignorance of the electorate and our representatives.